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# Preface

I have always desired a family record of our people, and finally undertook the task of compiling same. I have lived away from my people since a small boy, and no family record having been kept, I found it very difficult to secure complete information, and more difficult and often impossible to give a sketch of their lives, their accomplishments, characteristics and attainments; and I realize fully that many worthy accomplishments, many noble deeds, many patient sacrifices, many brilliant attainments, many grand achievements, many kind, loving and charitable acts are unrecorded herein. I regret this very much, and you will never fully realize how difficult is the task until you undertake to produce a similar work under like conditions.

I had neither time nor opportunity to gather facts for such a history as we would all like, but have made considerable effort to collect names, dates, etc., together with such history of the family as I could secure, trusting that it will be accepted and appreciated in the spirit it is written, and that it will at least preserve a record and assist some relative in writing a better history. My only request and greatest reward will be granted if each of you will carefully preserve this book and keep up your family record. Blank pages are placed opposite the names of the younger generations for that purpose.

I have done this work in a spirit of love, and present you this book as a token of the affection and esteem I hold for all my relatives.

With my very best wishes for your welfare, success and happiness, I am always

Sincerely yours,

Wm. S. Myers.

Dallas, Texas, June, 1909.

# An Appreciation

## By the Friends, Partners and Associates of Wm. S. Myers

Having noticed the modest comments Mr. Myers has given on his life in this genealogy, his partners, friends and associates feel that a fuller account of his life, character and achievements should be contained herein. Therefore we have, with much effort, secured his consent to place herein a photogravure of himself and allow us to give a more complete sketch of his character and attainments, feeling that the author's modesty should not be barrier to his being justly represented in these pages, as great credit is due him for compiling and presenting this valuable record to his relatives.

Though born in humble circumstances, Mr. Myers, by his indomitable will and perseverance was able to overcome all obstacles, after experiencing more than his share of the trials and vicissitudes of life, has, by his own efforts and industry, placed himself in a position of prominence amongst manufacturers, financiers and his fellow men.

He labored and saved for many years as only a man with an iron will and constitution could, always with the one object in view, that he might some day become a manufacturer and jobber. His first experience in merchandising was peddling and canvassing while a young man, then in a small retail store, then a larger one, until in the year 1899, at the age of 39, with a small capital, every dollar of which he had made and saved himself by the hardest kind of work and most rigid economy, he sought a location where he might fulfill his long-cherish hope. After looking over nearly all the territory west of the Mississippi River, he decided to locate in Texas, believing the opportunity for "small capital and large energy" was better there than anywhere else in the United States. Acting on this belief he purchased for fourteen thousand dollars a small spring-bed and mattress factory in the City of Dallas, taking with him Mr. Ed R. Olive, his former partner in Iowa. The purchase sum represented more than their combined capital at that time. Mr. Olive remained with the company as Secretary until his death in December, 1905. Mr. Myers was an entire stranger in the State of Texas, as well as inexperienced in the manufacturing business, and it required supreme nerve and the utmost confidence in his judgment to risk all his hard-earned capital in the new venture. He met many discouragements,

but was always happiest when overcoming hard obstacles. He worked, managed and saved with all the power contained in his being, sacrificing every pleasure to the success of his business, but always with a spirit of fairness and consideration for his friends and associates. Under his absolute control and guidance he rapidly built up the original company, Olive & Myers Mfg. Co., at Dallas, dictating and establishing the policies, planning and building the buildings, always improving and enlarging, until today the Dallas plant is one of the best built, most complete and conveniently arranged and best organized plants of its kind in the United States, representing an investment of more than a half million dollars, and still growing.

In June, 1904, Mr. Myers purchased two small plants in the City of Houston, Texas (266 miles south of Dallas), organized a stock company (now Myers-Spalti Mfg. Co.), and proceeded to build up and enlarge that plant, until today it is practically a duplicate of the Dallas plant, and still enlarging.

In 1906 Mr. Myers purchased an interest in a small machine shop in Dallas, built and added perhaps the finest foundry in the State of Texas, and now representing an investment of more than one hundred thousand dollars. The three companies represent an investment of more than one million dollars, Mr. Myers being the heaviest stockholder in each, as well as the President and General Manager. The principal business consists of manufacturing and jobbing furniture and household furnishings.

William S. Myers could not be other than he is, a leader of men, a teacher and organizer, a most capable executive and manager; indeed his very physical appearance indicates the ruler and not the servant. A massive head set on a powerful frame, indicative of a strong constitution, the broad forehead of the thinker, the strong Roman nose, ever associated with the idea of mastery, the keen eye of the observer, the broad, powerful jaws with the firm yet mobile lips, all those added to a full back head, supposed to be the seat of force, impress one strongly that this man was born to lead and not to follow. Those who know him best respect him most. They appreciate his absolute honesty of purpose, his unquestioned ability, and a spirit of fairness in all his dealings, which he inherited from a long line of honorable ancestors.

With his hundreds of employes he acts with justice tempered with kindness. Amongst them he is known as "the old man," and many of them have learned that his charity equals his iron will. With his asso-

ciates he is ever courteous, though brooking no opposition where his judgment convinces him he is right. In the years of association they have learned to respect his decisions, as almost invariably they have proved correct.

Realizing how important an education is, from his own lack of it, Mr. Myers has spared no expense in the education of his only son, Jay S., who at the age of 16 graduated from the Dallas (Texas) High School, then spent two years at Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, N. H., graduating there at the age of eighteen. He then entered Harvard University, and graduated in June, 1909, receiving his A. B. degree at the age of twenty-one. He is a young man of fine ability, with sterling character and has proved worthy of his opportunities, and now intends taking a complete law course at Harvard. He is an honor to his parents, and has every prospect of making a mark in the world.

W. S. Myers' greatest pleasure, outside of business, is in traveling, seeing the world and its people. While taking enforced rest and recreation he has, with his family, toured practically all of the United States, as well as a large part of Canada, and ten countries of Europe, and hopes to visit every country in the world.

Though having but a limited education, he has been a great reader and thinker, when time permitted. His library consists mainly of practical books and works on the occult or the science of life and nature, such as "Yogi Philosophy," "The Laws of Mentalism," etc.

In religion he believes thoroughly in evolution and reincarnation and the Yogi Philosophy. The broad gauge of his mind, however, makes him tolerant of all religions. He teaches and practices the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you;" believing that "As ye sow, so shall ye also reap." His religion or philosophy teaches him to practice the great moral law, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," and one of his greatest pleasures and ambitions is to assist and be of benefit to his relatives, friends and humanity in general, believing that the only true happiness in life and the advancement thereafter comes from the helping of others.

Secretary Olive & Myers Mfg. Co., Dallas, Texas.

# Introduction

*Look into the rock from whence thou art hewn.*—Isaiah.

In the cradle of European liberty, among the lakes and waterfalls, mountains and valleys of beautiful Switzerland, we find the rock from which is hewn the family these pages seek to honor.

Allemannic tribes dwelling along the Upper Rhine in the fifth century were defeated by the Franks and driven into Switzerland. Cæsar describes these races as vigorous, war-like and of gigantic stature, with fierce blue eyes and yellow hair. They were inspired with a spirit of liberty. They were an agricultural people, and had a democratic system of government. Later these races attained a high degree of intelligence. Their skill in agriculture made every land they inhabited a very garden spot. There were many carvers of wood, weavers of silk and fine linen among them. They were an industrious, religious and kindly race throughout all their history, setting a good example to mankind.

The liberty-loving and independent spirit of the Swiss people is exemplified in the lives and deeds of Arnold Voss Winkelried and William Tell. The Swiss spirit of independence threw off the tyrannical Austrian yoke, resisted foreign invasions and established a glorious republic.

Swiss diligence built the cities of Zurich and Berne. Zurich, the "heart and brain," the literary center, the "Athens" of Switzerland, because of its institutions of learning. On every hand you find schools, primary, secondary, supplementary, day and evening schools, schools for the blind, the deaf, industrial schools, commercial schools, colleges, the university, the polytechnic, the cantonal and burger schools, schools of science and law, academies of art, reading clubs, agricultural clubs, public libraries, museums, and a society of public usefulness. Through patient labor and agricultural skill the Canton Zurich is a perfectly ordered garden spot. Every tree is trimmed, every plant is watered, and every vine is trained, every Zuricher owns his own home, none are beggars, for each man enjoys an independent place.

Berne—the City of Bears—was founded in 1191, a characteristically

Swiss city, a city of churches. The bear is everywhere in evidence. It appears on the town's coat-of-arms. Berne abounds in trophies of battle, libraries and museums containing manuscripts taken from convents and monasteries that were suppressed during the Reformation. There are beautiful gardens and fine examples of Swiss arts and crafts, splendid views and romantic paths through forest and field. Goethe once wrote: "It is the most beautiful town we have ever seen."

The Swiss people in character are true-hearted, practical and patient, stubborn only in matters of justice and freedom; proud without being governed by pride, simple in manner and pure in spirit. The language particularly of North Switzerland is High German in the colleges, Low German in the streets, with the Allemannic idiom mainly as spoken in the Rhineland.

## The Swiss Mennonite.

Our interest centers chiefly in the Mennonites of Switzerland.

The Mennonites take their name from their greatest leader, Menno Simon, though they had existed long before his day. Many authorities now claim that they were the successors of the ancient Waldenses of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. They arose in the same communities and with the same doctrines. Kuhn says: "If this historical connection were capable of proof, it would indeed be an inspiring thought, and one fraught with profound belief in the workings of Providence that through the dark and middle ages, in the days of ignorance, corruption, sin, tyranny and persecution the true church of God, composed of those who worshiped Him in spirit and in truth should be carried along, first openly, then in secret for long centuries, then finally at the outbreak of the Reformation once more coming forth and claiming that true religion consists not in form, or ceremony, not in magnificent cathedrals built by man, but in the heart and in the life of the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus."

The Mennonites took the life and teachings of Christ as their example. They contended for separation of church and state. They believed in freedom of conscience. They believed war un-Christian, refused to bear arms or take oath. In their doctrines they were centuries in advance of the times, and we have seen many of their principles become

universally dominant. They were the "torch-bearers of religious liberty." The Quakers and Baptists of England were the logical outgrowth of their teachings.

## American Colonization.

Causes leading to the colonization of these people in America go back to the period following the Reformation, when Europe was torn with bitter political and religious wars which threatened annihilation. It should be a subject of great pride to their descendants that in all their troubles they could not be crushed. They were driven up and down the Rhine for years, were imprisoned, stoned, drawn asunder and drowned, but their faith rose clearer than before. Besides persecutions by civil authorities, thousands were martyred by other religious bodies because they rejected infant baptism. The Mennonite martyr Mirror, published by Van Braught in Holland about one hundred years before Fox, Penn or Roger Williams lived, is a history of these martyrdoms. The record of the Puritan suffering is but a drop in the bucket compared with these accounts. Almost without exception the Mennonite colonists in Pennsylvania had ancestors mentioned in this book of martyrs. We read of Hans Meyer of Zurich, who lived and suffered about 1527.

## Meyer Family.

Meyer, Myer or Mayer is a name common in Europe. It is supposed to be derived from Mayor, chief magistrate of a city or town. Americanized, the name has become "Myers." During the lull in the devastation by wars in the Palatinate many exiled Swiss emigrated there. Among those from Zurich was Hans Meyer, born 1684, son of Vincent Meyer, a Mennonite preacher, who died in 1700.

There was little peace in the Palatinate, and through the efforts of William Penn immigration to America took place, which resulted in the establishment of Mennonite colonies in Pennsylvania, the first in 1671. Accounts of this new and free country were sent back to the Fatherland. The prospects of religious freedom, together with their innate wanderlust propensity, brought others in large numbers. These large numbers of arrivals caused alarm. That the experience of England in the time of the Anglo-Saxon invaders might not be repeated, the Provincial Coun-

cil prepared resolutions of allegiance and fidelity to be signed by all foreigners. Hans Meyer was among the first to sign this declaration.

They sought religious freedom, not for themselves alone, but also for those who differed from them; often many sects, including the Quakers, worshiping in the same building. The Mennonite colonists were the first body to protest against slavery. In April, 1688, they sent a signed protest to the monthly meeting of Quakers.

Though agricultural people, there were, as in their Fatherland, men of education among them. Whittier refers to them as "The German-born pilgrim who first dared to brave the scorn of the proud in the cause of the slave."

The following is a verbatim copy from a history of Pennsylvania:

"Hans Meyer, with many other persecuted Mennonites, fled from his home in Switzerland to Erlangen in the Palatinate (Pflatz). There in 1709 he married Barbara Landis, daughter of a Mennonite preacher. They had three children, and in 1720, with many others, left Europe and a tyrannical priesthood for America, settling at a fine spring near New Holland, Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania."

Here in 1721 another son was born to them, whom they named Vincent, after his grandfather in Switzerland.

This Vincent in 1740 married Anna Hoover, to whom were born three sons and five daughters—John, Christian (our great grandfather), Benjamin, Maria, Anna, Saloma, Barbara and Christianna.

Christian, our great grandfather who married Mattie Hoover, was born 1761, died 1802. His family consisted of Maria (Myers) Winger, Martin Myers, Magdalena Myers, Anna (Myers) Bushong, Christian Myers, Daniel Myers, John Myers, Joseph Myers and Isaac Myers.

The religion of the Mennonite colonists taught them to live modestly, honestly, peaceably, and to avoid participation in political affairs. They diligently cultivated the soil. Their inherited agricultural skill converted their farms into fields, orchards and gardens of beauty, from which they filled their spacious barns and stone dwelling houses with stores of plenty from which they unstintingly furnished supplies for the soldiers during the wars in which their religion forbade them to participate. However inactive the German may have been in the French and Indian war, as well as the Revolutionary, there can be no doubt about the Swiss patriotism. "A love for independence and a hatred of tyranny"

has ever been a distinguishing trait of the Palatine and Swiss. Though they were faithful to the crown of England before the war, there was no particular reason for attachment. Large numbers of Quakers and Mennonites who were so closely akin renounced their church vows and engaged in active service.

The Germans, the Swiss Mennonites of Pennsylvania nor their descendants claim for them the credit due. In 1753 Dr. William Smith, who disliked the Mennonites, said of them that they imported many foreign books and had printing presses and newspapers. Christopher Sauer printed the German Bible, and the colonists were reading it long before the English Bible was printed in America.

Peter Miller, who directed the translation of the Martyr book from the Dutch language, was employed by the new government to translate the Declaration of Independence into seven different languages to be sent to the courts of Europe.

The first book on teaching, printed in America in 1770, was written by Christopher Dock, a Pennsylvania German. The first paper mill in America was established by William Rittenhouse, a Mennonite preacher.

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We are deeply indebted to Miss Minnie E. Myers, of Youngstown, Ohio, who kindly furnished the above history of our ancestors, Joseph Myers being her grandfather, and his brother, John Myers, my grandfather. WM. S. MYERS.

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The following are the living nieces and nephews of grandfather John Myers:

Mrs. Louise Myers Mishler, 81 years old, Magadore, Ohio.
Hon. Frank W. Myers, 78 years old, Magadore, Ohio.
Mrs. Susan Myers Longnecher, Hiram, Ohio.
Martin Winger (astronomer), Dover Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

## *CHRISTIAN MYERS, FATHER OF JOHN MYERS.*

Christian Myers, who married Mattie Hoover, was born in Grovesdale, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1761, and died in 1802. To this union was born three daughters and six sons, all of whom lived to be men and women, married and raised families.

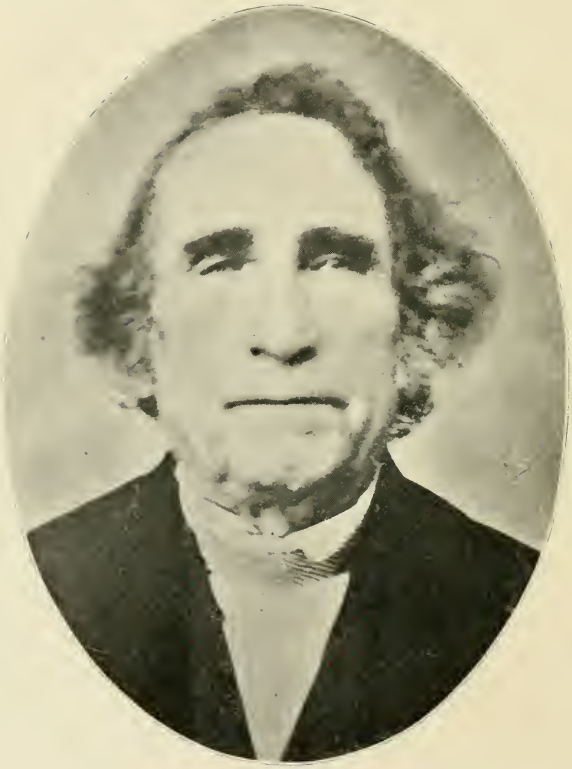
The daughters were:

Mrs. Maria Myers Winger.
Mrs. Anna Myers Bushong.
Mrs. Magdalena Myers Myers.

The sons' names were:

Martin
Christian
Daniel
John
Joseph
Isaac.

All born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.



*John Myers*

*Born October 31 1799* *Died October 16, 1877*

## *JOHN MYERS.*

John, son of Christian and Mattie Myers, was born October 31, 1799, in Grovesdale, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Married a Miss Bear in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, ————.

To this union five children were born.

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| Silas | Born May 16, 1824. |
| Mary | Born December 5, 1825. |
| George B. | Born April 9, 1830. |
| Christian H. | Born April 8, 1833. |
| Louise | Born October 21, 1836. |

Soon after this date Mattie Myers died, and in 1838 John Myers and his brother Joseph Myers and their families moved to Wayne County, Ohio, and in 1841 John Myers married Miss Katherine Hoover. He lived in Wayne County, Ohio, until 1877 and died at Bryan, Ohio, October 16, 1877, while visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Levi Stauffer, and is buried in the Bryan (Ohio) Cemetery.

To this union three children were born.

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| Anna | Born May 12, 1842. |
| Wesley J. | Born March 15, 1844. |
| Leah | Born June 7, 1846. |

For some years they lived on a farm, and later moved to Smithville, Ohio, where Katherine Hoover Myers died in May, 1877.

The writer remembers grandfather John Myers as a tall, stately, dignified, scholarly gentleman, of a reserved, quiet disposition. He had a good education for his time. Taught school in his younger days, and was considered a fine mathematician. Was a kind, noble and highly honorable man. His ancestors were of the Mennonite faith, were non-resistents, and were exempted from duty as soldiers in the Revolutionary War, but volunteered as nurses and rendered all the assistance in their power to the sick and wounded.

John Myers was for more than thirty years before his death a member of the United Brethren Church. Was a faithful and consistent Christian. He, like both his first and second wives, was blessed with a fine mind and a charitable disposition.

The Myers family, so far as we are able to trace, were of a modest, quiet, reserved, genteel temperament, exceedingly honest and honorable, but not aggressive or money-makers, and were from the earliest history to the present time an agricultural people.

Katherine Hoover Myers possessed a fine voice and was noted for her sweet singing. She was a lovely woman, and the writer as a young boy fondly remembers grandfather and grandmother Myers, and the gentle influence of the noble lives they lived, and the good principles they taught can still be traced in the younger generations. We shall not endeavor to trace any of the Myers family except the descendants of John Myers.

## CHILDREN OF JOHN MYERS

### *SILAS MYERS.*

Silas, first son of John Myers, was born May 16, 1824, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and married Caroline ————, December 6, 1849, at Wooster, Ohio. Moved to Black Hawk County, Iowa, April 5, 1869. Raised a family of eight children. His wife, Caroline ———, was born October 6, 1826, in Bark County, Pennsylvania. Silas Myers died April 30, 1874, at Dysart, Iowa.

*Children of Silas and Caroline Myers.*

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|---|---|
| John | Born October 30, 1850. |
| Samuel | Born September 15, 1853. |
| Susan | Born August 12, 1855. |
| Mary | Born November 5, 1858. |
| Francis | Born April 20, 1861. Died September 3, 1863. |
| Rebecca | Born March 9, 1864. |
| Alice | Born November 4, 1866. Died February 22, 1881. |
| Frank | Born July 1, 1869. |

Silas Myers, with his esteemed wife and family, emigrated to Black Hawk County, Iowa, in 1869. Like most of his relatives, he was a farmer by occupation, and chose well in locating on the rich prairies of Iowa. He raised a large and respected family, and was a successful and honored citizen. His good wife and most of his family are still living near Dysart, Black Hawk County, Iowa.

## *MARY (MYERS) STAUFFER.*

Mary, first daughter of John Myers, was born December 5, 1825, in Grovesdale, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and married Levi Stauffer, October 2, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio. Mary Stauffer died November 28, 1899; Levi Stauffer died March 22, 1899.

*Children of Levi and Mary Stauffer.*

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|---|---|
| Caroline | Born August 17, 1846. |
| Elizabeth | Born December 13, 1847. |
| Anna | Born June 7, 1849. |
| Margaret | Born May 11, 1852. |
| Wilson | Born February 6, 1855. |
| Lydia | Born October 22, 1858. |

Levi and Mary Stauffer emigrated to Bryan, Ohio, in the year 1875, where they and their family lived the rest of their lives.

The writer as a child remembers Mary Stauffer as a kind, pleasant, good-natured lady, a kind wife and a devoted mother, a faithful Christian and a charitable neighbor. She lived a beautiful and useful life, and died in full faith of blessed immortality.

Aunt Mary and uncle Levi were a bright, intelligent, pious and highly respected couple and raised a noble family, who have emulated the good principles taught them by their parents. They were all kind, dutiful children, loved and highly respected citizens.

## *GEORGE B. MYERS.*

George B., second son of John Myers, was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1830. Married Mary M. Hess, January 10, 1849, and moved to Allen County, Indiana, in 1852. Died May 1, 1900.

*Children of George B. and Mary Myers.*

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|---|---|
| Eliza Ann | Born November 16, 1849. |
| John H. | Born May 18, 1851. |
| Lois Alonzo | Born ————. Died while an infant. |
| Nancy Ellen | Born April 14, 1855. |
| Orlanda Dawson | Born October 12, 1857. |
| Mary Cedelia | Born August 1, 1859. |
| Emma S. | Born August 7, 1861. |
| Harlan Grant | Born July 10, 1864. |
| Valeria Victoria | Born December 3, 1866. Died July 28, 1885. |
| George W. | Born April 29, 1870. |

George B. Myers, with his family, were pioneers in Allen County, Indiana, having moved to that densely wooded country in 1852. He with his family endured privations and hardships incident to an early settler in a wild and heavily timbered country, and while he possessed a heroic spirit, he was not blessed with a very strong constitution. He was of a modest, unassuming and refined nature; was a farmer by occupation; also noted as a singer, and singing teacher, and a community horse doctor, and a lover of a fine horse.

He and his good wife were highly respected citizens and well liked by all who knew them. They taught and practiced good principles, lived a Christian life, and left a fond remembrance and good influence with their family, friends and neighbors.

It was the practice and delight of his life to drive "Old Mollie," his blooded family mare, from place to place, looking after and helping the sick, gathering up the young folks, organizing and teaching Sunday schools and singing classes, and was appreciated and held in high esteem by all who knew him.

## *CHRISTIAN H. MYERS.*

Christian H., third son of John Myers, was born April 8, 1833, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Married Fannie Matilda Winkler, March 6, 1856, in Wayne County, Ohio, who was a daughter of John Winkler, born April 24, 1833). Matilda Myers died in Wayne County, Ohio, April 18, 1872. Christian H. Myers died in Portland, Oregon, May 29, 1888.

*Children of Christian H and Matilda Myers.*

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| John Delno | Born January 3, 1857. |
| Lester Lee | Born December 16, 1858. |
| William Scott | Born December 27, 1860. |
| *Infant Son* | Born August 17, 1862. |
| Lawrence Grant | Born November 14, 1863. |
| Alice Melissa | Born February 12, 1866. |
| Charles Levi | Born January 17, 1868. |
| Harvey Winkler | Born January 26, 1870. |
| Norman Wesley | Born April 15, 1872. |

Christian H. Myers at the age of about eight years emigrated with his father from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Wayne County, Ohio. While a young man worked at the cooper's and tailor's trade. After his marriage he lived on a five-acre tract of ground in Paradise, Wayne County, Ohio, and followed buying and shipping stock principally to Allegheny, Pa. His efforts were sometimes successful, but often unsuccessful, meeting with frequent losses in the handling of stock, and, being like most of his kin, modest and non-aggressive, and having a large family to support, he accumulated but very little money; but, like the rest of the Myers family, he was a scrupulously honest, honorable and respected citizen.

In 1885 he emigrated to Portland, Oregon, where he engaged in the fish and poultry business in a small way, and died of typhoid fever in Portland, Oregon, May 29, 1888, and is buried in Lone Fir Cemetery, Portland. He did all in his power to have his children get an education, and lived, taught and practiced good principles.

## *LOUIS E. (MYERS) SUPER.*

Louise, second daughter of John Myers, was born October 21, 1836, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Married Jacob Super. September 5, 1861. Jacob Super died December 13, 1863. Louise died October 5, 1892, in Seneca County, Ohio.

*Children of Jacob and Louise Super.*

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|---|---|
| Cedilla | Born October 23, 1862. |
| Ella M. | Born June 30, 1864. |

Louisa Super married William Davis, June 14, 1877. No children. William Davis died ————.

Louise Myers, like her brothers and sisters, was of a highly esteemed and conscientious nature, a noble wife and mother, a faithful Christian and a kind neighbor.

## *J. WESLEY MYERS.*

J. Wesley, first son of John and Katie Myers, was born near Smithville, Ohio, May 12, 1842. He enlisted in the 120th O. V. I. regiment in the fall of 1862, and died in Jackson Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., March 11, 1863. He is buried in a soldier's cemetery at Memphis, Tenn.

He was a highly honorable and scholarly man, and gave his life for his country.

## *ANNA MYERS NAFTZGER.*

Anna, first daughter of John and Katie Myers, was born March 15, 1844 at Smithville, Ohio. Married D. B. Naftzger, October 3, 1871, in Smithville, Ohio, and moved to Albany, Ill., then moved to West Liberty, Iowa, in 1875, where they are still living.

*Children of D. B. and Anna (Myers) Naftzger.*

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|---|---|
| Katherine | Born November 22, 1872, Albany, Ill. |
| J. Wesley | Born ————. Died when eight months old. |
| C. Mildred | Born November 12, 1875, West Liberty, Iowa. |
| Clayton P. | Born ————. Died when 16 years of age. |
| J. B. | Born June 29, 1880, West Liberty, Iowa. |
| Charles D. | Born ————. Died when eight years of age. |

Anna Myers (Naftzger) is the only child of grandfather Myers now living. She is a kind, pleasant, cheerful woman, a devoted wife, loving mother, faithful Christian and kind neighbor. Her husband, who is of German descent, was a farmer by occupation, a man of fine physique, excellent judgment, honorable in all his dealings, jovial disposition and very successful in management.

He and his good wife now live a pleasant retired life in the beautiful little city of West Liberty, Iowa, enjoying the fruits of labor, industry and economy during earlier life. They own a fine farm adjoining the town.

## *LEAH E. (MYERS) WILLETS.*

Leah E., second daughter of John and Katie Myers, was born June 7, 1846, at Smithville, Ohio. Married Frank Willets, February 1, 1894, at Valley Center, Cal. Died at Valley Center, Cal., in 1895, of consumption. No children.

Leah remained single until 48 years old, teaching school in English and German. She was a very scholarly and dignified bachelor lady, and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

She lived a beautiful and useful life, dispensing kindness, knowledge and sunshine all the way.

Descendants of the Myers Family

## Grandchildren of John Myers

### CHILDREN OF SILAS MYERS

*JOHN MYERS.*

John, first son of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born October 30, 1850. Married ————, who was born ————.

John, like the relatives in general, is faithful, honest, hard-working and successful. His occupation is farming.

Address Rock Rapids, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## *SAMUEL MYERS.*

Samuel, second son of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born August 12, 1853. Single.

Address Laporte, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## *SUSAN (MYERS) WILSON.*

Susan, first daughter of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born August 12, 1855. Married Peter Wilson, September 14, 1876.

*Children of Peter and Susan Wilson.*

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|---|---|
| Walter | Born March 9, 1878. Died February 19, 1881. |
| James | Born December 28, 1880. |
| | Married February 25, 1908, Mary Weimer. |
| David | Born February 22, 1883, Dysart, Iowa. |
| Maud | Born April 12, 1886. |
| | Married Ray Filloon, April 8, 1908. |
| Isabel | Born May 19, 1888, Dysart, Iowa. |
| Clare | Born May 7, 1890, Dysart, Iowa. |
| Mary | Born August 21, 1893, Dysart, Iowa. |

Address Dysart, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## *MARY (MYERS) CONLEY.*

Mary, second daughter of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born November 5, 1858, and married James Conley, March 14, 1875. James Conley was born July 12, 1850. Mary died May 19, 1900.

*Children of James and Mary Conley.*

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|---|---|
| Ada | Born January 2, 1876. |
| | Married Arthur Mahoney, September 19, 1895. |
| | Died January 20, 1903, leaving three children. |
| Sherley | Born February 18, 1878. Died August 5, 1880. |
| Mamie | Born March 6, 1880. Address Edgerly, N. D. |
| Ira | Born April 21, 1882. Address Edgerly, N. D. |
| Alta | Born May 23, 1885. |
| | Married William Holcomb, November 19, 1903. |
| | Have one child, address 301 W. Third St., Maryville, Mo. |
| James R. | Born September 2, 1887. Single. |
| Alva Clare | Born May 11, 1890. |
| Myrtle P. | Born March 22, 1892. |
| Verlin W. | Born December 25, 1894. |
| Floyd D. | Born August 26, 1895. |

Address James Conley, Maryville, Mo.

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## *REBECCA (MYERS) PETERSEN.*

Rebecca, fourth daughter of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born March 8, 1864. Married Henry Petersen, March 10, 1881. Died March 31, 1899, at Laporte, Iowa.

*Children of Henry and Rebecca Petersen.*

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|---|---|
| Frank | Born March 20, 1882. Married Mamie Wilson. Address Laporte, Iowa. |
| Peter | Born April 8, 1884. Married Miss Amanda Hegadorn. Address Mt. Auburn, Iowa. |
| George | Born November 15, 1886. Address Mt. Auburn, Iowa. |
| Alice | Born September 8, 1889. Married Alfred Clark. Address Laporte, Iowa. |
| Marie | Born August 16, 1892. Married Arthur Stone. Address Laporte, Iowa. |
| Cora | Born August 20, 1895. Address Mt. Auburn, Iowa. |
| Maud | Born August 27, 1897. Address Dysart, Iowa. |

Henry Petersen's address, Mt. Auburn, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## *FRANK S. MYERS.*

Frank S., third son of Silas and Caroline Myers, was born July 1, 1869. Married Rosettie Hite, February 27, 1890, who was born July 1, 1869.

*Children of Frank and Rosettie Myers.*

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|---|---|
| Clifford | Born February 28, 1893. |
| Winona | Born February 21, 1895. |
| Flo | Born April 7, 1897. |
| Beulah | Born August 15, 1898. Died September 26, 1906. |
| Jessie | Born December 15, 1901. |
| Nina | Born June 5, 1904. |
| Ralph | Born March 31, 1908. |

Frank S. Myers, like the majority of his people, is a farmer by occupation, and is at present living at Lake Park, Dickenson County, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## CHILDREN OF GEORGE B. MYERS

### *ELIZA ANN (MYERS) AURAND.*

Eliza Ann, first daughter of George B. Myers, was born November 16, 1849, in Wayne County, Ohio, and married Demas Wherry, December 3, 1871. To this union one daughter was born.

Mary Alice Born March 8, 1873, Allen County, Indiana.

Demas Wherry died ————.

Eliza Ann then married Daniel Aurand, July 15, 1883. To this union one son was born.

George Born May 15, 1884. Married ————, Sept. 9, 1906.

Daniel Aurand died ————. Eliza Ann is now living with her son in Monroeville, Ind.

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## *JOHN H. MYERS.*

John H., first son of George B. and Mary Myers, was born May 18, 1851. Married Hattie Bolenbauch, November 14, 1878, who was born ————.

*Children of John H. and Hattie Myers.*

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| Lewis Berton | Born December 5, 1880. |
| | Married Miss Lillie Freeman, December 25, 1904. |
| Orren Ogden | Born December 8, 1882. |
| Charles Earl | Born October 3, 1884. |
| Harlan Lyod *and* | (Twins) |
| Victoria Belle | Born November 16, 1889. |
| Clo Iome *and* | (Twins) |
| Cleo Irene | Born November 6, 1893. |
| Ralph Huron | Born March 30, 1899. |

All living at the present time except Cleo Irene, who died October 27, 1898, age four years, eleven months and twenty-two days.

John H. Myers moved from Ohio with his parents to Monroeville, Ind., in 1852, when he was one year old. That portion of Indiana was then the far West. A new country, heavily timbered, with very few inhabitants, and the early settlers naturally were poor, and seeking to carve out a future home for themselves and families. They were compelled to undergo many hardships and enjoyed little but hard work. Their house was built of round logs with openings cut out for doors and windows and quilts hung over the openings in place of doors and windows, and the school house was built the same way, the school seats being made of logs with pegs for legs, and the desks consisted of pegs placed in the wall and boards laid on top. In that part of Indiana the country is almost a perfect level. There were few roads, and they almost impassable a great deal of the time. The land first had to be cleared of heavy timber, and after this was done it was found so level and wet that it was necessary to spend hundreds of dollars putting in drain tile before they really had their farm. It was a hard, dreary, discouraging life. The wolves howled around their cabin at night, and deer and bear roamed in the woods.

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It was with these disadvantages that John H. Myers commenced life, and labored as only a boy could with a fine constitution, honesty of purpose and love for his parents, brothers and sisters.

Malaria often sapped their vitality, and much sickness increased the hardships they were compelled to endure. John, being the oldest son of a family of ten children, and the father not strong, many duties devolved on him that should have rested on older shoulders. He remained with and worked for his parents until twenty-one years of age, then gave his father another year's service with the promise of a horse as pay. Unfortunately at the end of the year the horse died, and his father was unable to give him another. The next year he started for himself, purchasing forty acres of land for which he went in debt and worked at logging with oxen until he paid for the land. He then built a house on this land, making a home for his parents, who had rented land up to this time. His father and mother lived on this farm until their death. In the meantime John continued to work out until he had saved up several hundred dollars, when he married in 1878, and bought another forty-acre farm, then started with new energy to pay for this farm and build a home, which by long, hard, faithful efforts he succeeded in doing, and during the same time raised a family of eight children.

At the death of his parents he purchased the other interests in the home place, and is living at the present time on the old homestead where his parents lived and died, having built a good modern house, barn and outbuildings, and is now enjoying the fruits of his many years' hard labor. Several years ago he became a member of the M. E. Church, and is a devoted and consistent Christian, an upright, conscientious citizen, and has raised an interesting and highly respected family.

Address Monroeville, Ind.

FAMILY RECORD

## *NANCY ELLEN (MYERS) MONESMITH.*

Nancy Ellen, second daughter of George B. and Mary Myers, was born April 14, 1855. Married Henry Monesmith, November 16, 1880, who was born August 31, 1837, and died October 19, 1888.

*Children of Henry and Nancy Ellen Monesmith.*

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|---|---|
| Lilly May | Born April 21, 1875. |
| Dessa Pearl | Born January 14, 1882. |
| George Washington | Born August 22, 1885. |
| Harry Benton | Born October 17, 1887. |
| *Infant* | Born ————. Died ————. |

Address Monroeville, Ind.

FAMILY RECORD

## *ORLANDO DAWSON MYERS.*

Orlando Dawson, third son of George B. and Mary Myers, was born October 12, 1857. Married Tilly Triley, November 18, 1888, who was born ————.

*Children of Orlando and Tilly Myers.*

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|---|---|
| Leslie | Born July 17, 1889. |
| Mabel | Born August 2, 1898. Died December 4, 1898. |
| Ray | Born November 28, 1905. |

Orlando Myers, like his ancestors and brothers, follows farming. Is industrious, respected and successful. Now living on his farm near Decatur, Ind.

Address Decatur, Ind.

FAMILY RECORD

## *MARY CEDELIA (MYERS) CLEAR.*

Mary Cedelia, third daughter of George B. and Mary Myers, was born August 1, 1859. Married Robert Clear, May 3, 1877, who was born ————.

*Children of Robert and Mary Cedelia Clear.*

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|---|---|
| Harry Clinton | Born January 29, 1878, in Benton County, Ohio. |
| Ada Lois | Born August 19, 1879, in Allen County, Indiana. Married Robert A. Henry at Aville, Ind. To this union three daughters and one son were born—Ruah, Catharine, Martha, Robert C. |
| Addie Haddessie | Born June 18, 1881, in Whitley County, Indiana. Married Harvey E. Hite, October 2, 1901, whose home was Thurston, Ohio. Two children—Mary Oreta, born January 9, 1903, and one son, Robert Henry, born May 9, 1905, Lancaster, Ohio. |
| Lloyd V. | Born October 19, 1883, Whitley County, Indiana. Married Miss Hattie Cockley, December 28, 1906, Albion, Ind. Two children—Zola, born September 12, 1907; Ralph, born Feb. 9, 1908. |
| Anna Berl | Born July 2, 1886, Whitley County, Indiana. Married Latta Zollinger, November 21, 1906, who died April 1, 1907. To this union one son was born—Harry Latta, born June 18, 1907. |
| Marie | Born February 3, 1889, Whitley County ,Indiana. |
| Okla | Born April 23, 1891, Whitley County, Indiana. |
| Frank | Born September 16, 1895. Died April 9, 1896. |
| George | Born October 2, 1893, Whitley County, Indiana. |
| Beatrice *and* | Born March 17, 1897. |
| B. (Twins) | B. Died March 20, 1897, at Avilla, Indiana. |
| Edward | Born June 15, 1899, Noble County, Indiana. |
| Ray | Born July 18, 1901, Noble County, Indiana. |
| Robert C. (Jr.) | Born February 5, 1904. |

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Mary and Robert Clear are the parents of a remarkable family (fourteen children), twelve still living. All bright, healthy, kind and loving. A large and happy family.

Address Albion, Ind.

FAMILY RECORD

## *EMMA S. MYERS THOMPSON.*

Emma S., fourth daughter of George B. and Mary Myers, was born August 7, 1861. Married W. E. Thompson, August 15, 1880, who was born ————.

*Children of W. E. and Emma S. Thompson.*

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|---|---|
| Maggie Lois | Born May 14, 1881. Died April 14, 1903. |
| Gracie Maud | Born September 27, 1883. Married ————. |
| Goldie B. | Born November 27, 1885. Married ————. |

Emma S. Myers and husband live on a farm near Magill, Ohio, and are a highly esteemed couple and well to do.

Address Magill, Ohio.

FAMILY RECORD

## *HARLAN GRANT MYERS.*

HARLAN GRANT, fourth son of George B. and Mary Myers, was born July 10, 1864.

Never married. Living at Pittsburg, Kan.

FAMILY RECORD

## *GEORGE W. MYERS.*

George W., fifth son of George B. and Mary Myers, was born April 29, 1870. Married Clara Ione Keller, February 18, 1903. No children.

George W. and wife live in Portland, Oregon, where he is engaged in the lumber business. Like his brothers, he is kind, honest, industrious, honorable and a good citizen.

FAMILY RECORD

## CHILDREN OF MARY MYERS

### *CAROLINE (STAUFFER) SAUDERS.*

CAROLINE, first daughter of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born August 17, 1846. Married Henry Sauders, October 29, 1868, who was born January 5, 1843.

*Children of Henry and Caroline Sauders.*

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|---|---|
| EMMA | Born December 7, 1869. |
| | Married John Carpenter, July 23, 1885. |
| MAGGIE | Born August 17, 1871. |
| | Married Henry Herr, March 23, 1893. |
| MARY | Born November 11, 1873. Died December 25, 1885. |
| WILLIAM W. | Born July 9, 1876. |
| | Married Lena Gibson, November ——, 1898. |
| LOTTIE | Born March 1, 1879. |
| | Married Wilfred Beuhar, October ——, 1892. |
| HENRY | Born March 26, 1881. Not married. |
| LEVI | Born December 18, 1883. Not married. |
| ELMER | Born August 10, 1886. Not married. |

Caroline is a noble wife, a tender, loving mother, a highly esteemed relative, friend and neighbor.

Now living in Defiance County, Ohio, Evansport, P. O.

FAMILY RECORD

## *ELIZABETH (STAUFFER) YERDY.*

Elizabeth, second daughter of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born December 13, 1847. Married Peter W. Yerdy, ————, 1869, who was born ————.

*Children of Peter W. and Elizabeth Yerdy.*

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|---|---|
| Lyda | Born ————. |
| | Married Ed Snively, October 8, 1892. |
| Levi | Born October ——, 1872. |
| | Married Mary Shumaker, ————, 1899. |
| Maggie | Born February ——, 1878. |
| | Married E. Shankster, ————, 1893. |
| Lucy | Born November ——, 1885. |
| | Married Fred Long, ————, 1905. |

The writer as a small boy kindly remembers cousin Elizabeth, and is deeply indebted to her for many kindnesses shown my sainted mother and her small children even before my recollection. She is a faithful wife, mother, friend and neighbor. May God bless her.

Address Bryan, Ohio.

FAMILY RECORD

## *ANNA STAUFFER YOUNG.*

ANNA, third daughter of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born June 7, 1849. Married Cyrus Young, March 30, 1871, who was born ———.

*Children of Cyrus and Anna Young.*

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|---|---|
| LYDIA | Born March 30, 1872. |
| | Married John Metz, ————. |
| | Died September 28, leaving two children. |
| WILSON | Born April 29, 1873. |
| | Married Miss Younker, ————. |
| JOHN | Born August 10, 1874. |
| | Married Miss Standard, ————. |
| JOSEPH | Born January 8, 1876. |
| | Married Miss Standard, ————. |

Cousin Anna was also a kind friend of my dear mother; was a loving daughter; is an esteemed lady; has lived a noble and beautiful life, and, like all her family, is a credit to her relatives and the community in which she lives.

Present address Marshallville, Ohio.

FAMILY RECORD

## *MARGARET (STAUFFER) SHUEY.*

Margaret, fourth daughter of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born May 11, 1852. Married Daniel Shuey, May 16, 1875, who was born ———.

No children.

Margaret, like her sisters, is a fine, noble woman, kind, cheerful and pleasant, highly respected by all who know her.

Now living at Smithville, Ohio.

FAMILY RECORD

## *WILSON STAUFFER.*

Wilson, only son of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born February 6, 1855. Married Della Fickes, November 12, 1878, who was born _____.

*Children of Wilson and Della Stauffer.*

Harvey Franklin — Born April 6, 1881. Married May Bell Nun, May 4, 1901.

Cousin Wilson, the only son of a fine family, could not be different; has lived a clean, upright life; is bright, kind and pleasant; a worthy and respected citizen.

Present address Bryan, Ohio.

FAMILY RECORD

## *LYDIA (STAUFFER) SHUMAKER.*

Lydia, fifth daughter of Mary and Levi Stauffer, was born October 22, 1858. Married Joseph Shumaker, March ——, 1878. She died May 25, 1894. Husband died ————.

*Children of Joseph and Lydia Shumaker.*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mary | Born February 22, ——. | |
| | Married L. Yerdy, April 6, 1899. | c1 |
| Daniel | Born July 2, ——. | |
| | Married Ruby Montague, May ——, 1905. | |
| Della | Born October 22, ——. | |
| | Married W. Montague, February ——, 1902. | |
| Clara | Born August 22, ——. Single. | |
| Edith | Born January 1, ——. Single. | |

FAMILY RECORD

## CHILDREN OF CHRISTIAN H. MYERS

### *JOHN DELNO MYERS.*

John Delno, first son of Christian H. and Fannie Matilda (Winkler) Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 3, 1857. Married Miss Effie Wheeler in Persia, Harrison County, Iowa, April 28, 1887, who died in Monroe, Iowa, November 3, 1892.

*Children of John D. and Effie Myers.*

Gertrude Edith Born March 1, 1888.
Vera Ethel Born March 10, 1900.

Gertrude Edith, after her mother's death, was adopted and raised by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Keables of Indianola, Iowa, taking the name of Gertrude Myers Keables.

Vera Ethel was adopted by Rev. and Mrs. R. M. L. Braden, who at present live at Bellevue, Nebraska, and took the name of Vera Ethel Braden.

John Delno Myers, at the death of his mother in 1872, was placed out from home, working by the month for farmers in summer time and doing chores, taking care of stock, etc., for his board, and attending country public school in the winter time; also attended Smithville Academy the winters of 1876 and 1877. He gave his earnings to his father until May 3, 1880, when he emigrated to West Liberty, Iowa, where he worked on a farm, taking care of blooded shorthorn cattle until October, 1885, when he went to Lane County, Kansas, with his brother Lawrence, where they each entered 160 acres of land, building sod houses and keeping bach. He followed this life until April, 1887, when he made a trip to Iowa, and was married, taking his wife with him to Kansas. Their crops proved failures on account of drouth. They suffered severe privations, and finally, in October, 1887, abandoned the land, when John D. took a position as foreman on a blooded cattle ranch in Ness County, Kansas, where he remained until 1889, then moved to Pleasantville, Iowa, and managed a large farm until August, 1891, then moved to Monroe, Harrison County, Iowa, where he purchased the city dray, which he operated for one year, then took a position as baggage master for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company at Monroe, which position he held until 1893, when he resigned, found homes in good

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families for his two little daughters (his wife having died November 3, 1892). In October, 1893, he went to Chicago and took a position with the street railway company, filling various positions, including motorman and conductor, until 1899.

Then he returned to Pleasantville, Iowa, and operated a farm with his brother L. L. until 1902, when he returned to Chicago again, taking a position with the street railway company, where he has remained ever since, and at present has charge of and runs the street car which goes over the city gathering up the cash at the various stations, conveying it to the head offices.

He is an honest, hard-working, honorable man; has lived a clean, upright life, and has accumulated a competence for his old age.

February 5, 1909, he purchased 40 acres of irrigated land from the Government in Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, and his address will be Powell, Wyoming.

FAMILY RECORD

## *LESTER LEE MYERS.*

Lester Lee, second son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, December 16, 1858. Married Miss Lizzie Snavely at Orrville, Ohio. She was born in Orrville, Ohio, May 1, 1859. Died at Pleasantville, Iowa, February 5, 1906.

*Children of Lester L. and Elizabeth Myers.*

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|---|---|
| Elsie | Born May 7, 1888. |
| Ray G. | Born September 11, 1890. |
| Albert J. *and* Bertha (Twins) | Born April 28, 1892. |
| Anna | Born November 18, 1894. |
| Alta | Born September 30, 1897. |
| Edna | Born September 14, 1899. |
| Jessie | Born October 6, 1901. |

Lester Lee, at the death of his mother in 1872, was placed out from home, working by the month for farmers in summer time and taking care of stock and doing chores, and attending country public school in winter, giving his earnings to his father until twenty-one years of age. He continued working on a farm in Wayne County, Ohio. until his marriage—1886—when he moved to Pleasantville, Iowa, purchased a city dray, which he operated for several years, then leased a farm and continued farming near Pleasantville until the fall of 1908, when he held a public sale, selling off all of his personal property, and moved to Powell, Big Horn Basin, Wyoming, where he has purchased 80 acres of irrigated land from the Government and expects to make his future home.

He is a hard-working, faithful, honorable and upright man. His wife died in 1906. He has kept his family together, and they all accompanied him to Powell, Wyoming.

FAMILY RECORD

## *WILLIAM SCOTT MYERS.*

William Scott, third son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, December 27, 1860. Married Eldora E. Spalti in Pleasantville, Iowa, January 13, 1886. Miss Spalti was born in Pleasantville, of Swiss parents, April 22, 1866. To this union was born one son.

Jay Spalti Born November 7, 1887.

William S. Myers, like his older brothers, at the death of his mother in 1872, when eleven years old, was placed out from home, working on farms by the month in summer and doing chores and attending country school in winter. He gave his earnings to his father until at the age of seventeen years, on March 13, 1878, he went to West Liberty, Iowa, having arranged for a job with his uncle (by marriage) D. B. Naftzger on the farm. He continued working on the farm for a few years, then began selling various articles by peddling and canvassing from house to house. Then he learned telegraphy, but abandoned this when capable of handling an office and took up carpenter work, working four years at the trade. Then went to Pleasantville, Marion County, Iowa; purchased the city dray line in 1885, and married in 1886. Leased and operated a stock farm successfully for five years. Left the farm and conducted a furniture store in Pleasantville until 1893. Sold out and moved to Indianola, Iowa, engaging in the same business on a larger scale in partnership with Edward R. Olive. Continued same successfully until 1899. Then sold out and moved to Dallas, Texas, purchased a small spring-bed and mattress factory, operating as a partnership, under the name of Olive & Myers Manufacturing Company, for about one year. Then incorporated under the laws of Texas, using the same name, with W. S. Myers as President and General Manager. In June, 1904, he bought out two similar factories in Houston, Texas, organized a stock company (Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company), of which he is President and General Manager, and enlarged the business rapidly.

In 1907 he purchased an interest in the Hardwick Foundry & Machine Company in Dallas, was elected President and General Manager, and is rapidly building up that company the same as he has the other two.

Address 187 Cabell Street, Dallas, Texas.

FAMILY RECORD

## *LAWRENCE GRANT MYERS.*

Lawrence Grant, fifth son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, November 14, 1863. Married Miss Minnie May Spalti, near Pleasantville, Iowa, October 9, 1892. Minnie Spalti Myers was born December 11, 1874.

*Children of Lawrence and Minnie Myers.*

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| *Infant* | Born July 8, 1893. Died same date. |
| Edith Flo | Born December 26, 1894. Died January 1, 1895. |
| Bessie Elizabeth | Born January 17, 1897. |
| George Avery | Born January 2, 1899. |
| Dessie Arva | Born July 3, 1901. |
| William Spalti | Born September 25, 1904. |
| Alice Edith | Born February 27, 1908. |

Lawrence G., at the death of his mother, when he was eight years old, was taken by Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Young and cared for until eleven years old, when he went to work for Jacob Krause on a farm, at which place he remained until 1879, when he went to Iowa, where he remained two years, then went to Wichita, Kan., where he worked on a large ranch and became foreman. At the age of twenty-one years he took up a homestead in Lane County, Kansas, where he remained until 1889, when he returned to Pleasantville, Iowa, and in 1892 he was married. He followed farming near Pleasantville until 1899, then moved to Montana, where he took up another claim one hundred miles from the railroad in Flathead County. After proving up on the claim he moved to Portland, Oregon, in September, 1906, where he purchased a farm, on which he is now living at Clackamas, about ten miles out from the City of Portland.

Lawrence, like all his brothers, was honest, hard-working and conscientious. He endured many privations and hardships during both his efforts to secure a home on homestead land. The drouths of Western Kansas at that time ruined his crops, and finally starved him out after several years of hard work. Again in Montana he suffered loss of crops and sickness, and left there almost a total wreck, physically, but has partially recovered his health since moving to Oregon, and is now happily located on a good farm.

Address Clackamas, Oregon.

FAMILY RECORD

## *ALICE MELISSA (MYERS) WOLF.*

Alice Melissa, only daughter of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, February 12, 1866. Married Henry Wolf, April 9, 1896, at Portland, Oregon, who was born ————.

Alice Melissa, at the death of her mother in 1872, and at the age of six years, was taken by relatives and cared for until about ten years old, when her father, who remained a widower, made an effort to keep the younger children of the family together. Her aunt Sarah Rutt kept house for them. Later her father, with the younger children, moved to Smithville, Ohio, employed a housekeeper to keep house, and still later, when Alice was perhaps fourteen years old, she kept house for her father and the younger children, working very hard for a young girl.

In 1885 her father gave up housekeeping and moved to Portland, Oregon, Alice following him in 1886. They remained together until his death in 1888. Her brother Charles, aunt Sarah Rutt and other relatives living in Portland, she remained there, and was married to Henry C. Wolf in 1896. Henry Wolf is a highly honorable and well-to-do man, and is now engaged in the coal and wood business, and living in Wood Lawn, a suburb of Portland, Oregon.

Address No. 1436 Winona Street, Portland, Oregon.

FAMILY RECORD

## *CHARLES LEVI MYERS.*

Charles Levi, sixth son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 17, 1868.

At the death of his mother in 1872 he was taken by his aunt Mary and uncle Levi Stauffer, who then lived in Wayne County, Ohio, and later moved to Bryan, Ohio. In 1884 Charles L. Myers went to Pleasantville, Iowa, and in 1885 went West and rode the cattle range in Western Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado for three years, where he saw some of the wild West, but in spite of this wild life he never forgot his breeding and raising, and remained a gentleman.

He went to Portland, Oregon, in 1889, and, except for a few years spent in Chicago, has lived there ever since, part of the time working for the street car company as conductor and motorman, and at the present time is engaged in the cigar and tobacco business. He has been successful and accumulated a modest competence. He is still single, and living in Portland, Oregon, at 389 Third Street. He is a man of fine principles, and has lived a clean, upright life.

FAMILY RECORD

## *HARVEY WINKLER MYERS.*

Harvey Winkler, seventh son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, January 26, 1870. Married Miss Bessie Turnbull in Des Moines, Iowa, January 14, 1897.

*Children of Harvey W. and Bessie Myers.*

Amandas Born August 1, 1901.

Harvey Winkler Myers went to Iowa in April, 1886, returned to Ohio in the fall of the same year; went to Iowa again in February, 1888, where he took up the barber's trade in February, 1889. This trade he has followed ever since. He operated a shop in Des Moines, Iowa, for several years. Married Miss Bessie Turnbull in Des Moines, on January 14, 1897. Miss Turnbull was the daughter of a well-to-do farmer near Des Moines, whose parents formerly lived in New Zealand and returned to that country soon after the marriage of Harvey and Bessie. Harvey and wife moved to Portland, Oregon, June 7, 1899, and sailed from Portland for New Zealand June 1, 1900. Stopped a short time in Sydney, Australia, then went to New Zealand, where they lived about four years and where their son Amandas was born August 1, 1901.

On February 24, 1904, they sailed from Auckland for America, stopping twelve days in Sura, Fiji Islands. They arrived in Honolulu March 19, 1904, where he was taken from ship on account of fever and placed in a hospital. After his recovery he decided to stay in Honolulu indefinitely, and purchased a barber shop, which he operated until the spring of 1909, when he returned to the States, purchased 40 acres of irrigated land at Powell, Wyoming, where he expects to make his future home.

At the death of his mother when only a child two years old, he was taken by his uncle and aunt William and Mary Ann Winkler, who raised him until a young man. He was taught good principles, which have remained with him through life. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him.

Address Powell, Wyoming.

FAMILY RECORD

## *NORMAN WESLEY MYERS.*

Norman Wesley, eighth son of Christian H. and Matilda F. Myers, was born in Green Township, Wayne County, Ohio, April 15, 1872. Married Miss Myra E. Backensto December 29, 1895, who was born ————.

*Children of Norman and Myra E. Myers.*

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|---|---|
| Lawrence B. | Born October 9, 1898. |
| Guy A. | Born February 19, 1900. |
| Norma A. | Born January 25, 1904. |
| William Taft | Born February 28, 1909. |

Norman Wesley's mother dying at his birth, he was taken by his uncle and aunt, Lawrence B. and Katherine Winkler, and raised until a young man. He then went to Chicago and later located in Holliday, Illinois, where he married, and now lives. His present occupation is farming. Like the rest of the family, he is hard-working, honest, conscientious and a worthy citizen.

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**CHILDREN OF LOUISE MYERS**

*CEDILLA SUPER STINCHCOMB.*

Cedilla, first daughter of Louisa and Jacob Super, was born October 23, 1862. Married Scott W. Stinchcomb, March 13, 1883.

*Children of Scott W. and Cedilla Stinchcomb.*

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| Blanch N. | Born February 1, 1883. |
| | Married Amos Buchar, January 31, 1902. |
| | One son born Jan. 9, 1895. Name, Lewis Buchar. |
| Lou Ella | Born December 30, 1885. |
| John W. | Born January 15, 1888. |
| Glen R. | Born August 29, 1889. |
| Earl M. | Born May 18, 1893. |
| Leah C. | Born May 26, 1895. |
| Royce W. | Born April 21, 1897. |
| Cletus H. | Born November 7, 1899. |

Cedilla and husband lived for several years in North Dakota on a farm, then moved back to Ohio, and are now living on a farm near Osnaburg, Ohio. They have a nice home, a fine family and are excellent people, well liked by all who know them. Cedilla was a good child, a charming young lady and is a noble wife and mother.

Present address Osnaburg, Ohio (Stark County).

FAMILY RECORD

## *ELLA M. (SUPER) WERNER.*

Ella M., second daughter of Louisa and Jacob Super, was born June 30, 1864. Married John S. Werner, November ——, 1888, who was born ————.

*Children of John S. and Ella M. Werner.*

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| Fern | Born ————. |
| Ruth | Born ————. |

Ella M. Werner's present address, Dawson, North Dakota.

FAMILY RECORD

## *KATHERINE (NAFTZGER) CLARK.*

KATHERINE, first daughter of Anna and D. B. Naftzger, was born November 22, 1872. Married B. D. Clark, December 27, 1899, who was born in Iowa, and is a minister of the gospel.

*Children of Katherine and B. D. Clark.*

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| SIDNEY | Born December 26, 1901. |
| LOIS | Born July 29, 1903. |
| LYNN | Born March 19, 1905. |
| MILES | Born January 20, 1907. |

Present address Bondurant, Iowa.

FAMILY RECORD

## *MILDRED C. NAFTZGER.*

MILDRED C., second daughter of Anna and D. B. Naftzger, was born November 12, 1875. Still unmarried, and living at home with her parents in West Liberty, Iowa.

She is a bright, intelligent and charming young lady.

FAMILY RECORD

## *JESSE B. NAFTZGER.*

Jesse B., third son of Anna and D. B. Naftzger, was born June 29, 1880, at West Liberty, Iowa. Married Miss Florence Whale, September 28, 1907, at Sturgis, South Dakota.

*Children of Jesse B. and Florence Naftzger.*

Jack Hale Born August 26, 1908.

Jesse B. is a practicing physician and surgeon at Sturgis, South Dakota. Is very progressive and successful in his profession. In 1908 he visited Vienna, Austria, and took a post-graudate course.

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